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In re application:

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SELF-RETAINING IMPLANT AND A

DEVICE FOR SECURING THE IMPLANT

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals from the Examiner's Final Rejection of January 4, 2005 of rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 29-31, 38-41 and 44. A check in the amount of \$500.00 is attached to cover the fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2789. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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